

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 267

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Thomas Allen Taylor
upon being named Rhea County Republican of
the Year 2015.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Thomas Allen Taylor, who will be named Rhea County Republican of the Year 2015 at the county's Reagan Day Dinner on April 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Taylor was born in Peterstown, West Virginia, in October 1939; he was raised and educated in Dayton in Rhea County and has been a tried and true Tennessean throughout his adult life; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1963, Mr. Taylor graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 1963, he married Donna Reed Taylor, a native of Rhea County, and shortly thereafter, on June 15, 1963, they settled in Washington, D.C., where he worked for the General Accounting Office for approximately two years; and

WHEREAS, in March 1965, Thomas Taylor and his family returned to Tennessee and settled in Dayton; at that time, he began employment with Robinson Manufacturing Company as controller, and forty-one years later, he retired from the company as its treasurer; and

WHEREAS, even throughout his years of industry, Mr. Taylor has been a vital operative in the Republican Party in his area; he worked on the 1976 campaign of United States Senator Howard Baker and was a diehard volunteer in the gubernatorial campaigns of Lamar Alexander

and Winfield Dunn, and in multiple campaigns of former State Representative Raymond Walker between 1995 and 2004. He served as Rhea County's GOP chairman in 1998, and from 2008 until 2015, he served as its treasurer; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Taylor is a past president of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, and the Lions Club and an honored member of the Jaycees and Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Taylor has also rendered sterling service as a member of the Dayton Housing Commission and the Rhea County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Taylor is and has long been an ardent supporter of Scouting; he holds the Boy Scouts of America's pinnacle Eagle Award honor, was a troop leader, and received the Award of Merit in 1997; he became a Patron Member in 1983 and a Century Club member in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Taylor is a member of First United Methodist Church, where he serves as chairman of the Finance Committee and as Sunday school superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is most appreciative of the long, loving relationship he has with wife Donna Reed Taylor. They are the parents of daughter Kimberly Taylor, who is the wife of Jeff Boyce, son Jeff Taylor, and son Allen Reed Taylor, who married Lisa Jones; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Taylor adores his eight grandchildren and cherishes his relationship with each one. They are Brandon Salvey, Kayla Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Connor Boyce, Lexi Taylor, Greyson Taylor, Glynnis Boyce, and Brittany Guess, whose spouse is Evan Guess; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is a fine gentleman who has lived his life in keeping with the spirit and commitment characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize this exceptional citizen of Rhea County and his service to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Thomas Allen Taylor upon being named Rhea

County Republican of the Year 2015, thank him for his tireless service to his community, and extend our best wishes to him for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.